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MAINTAINING A DRY  
ATMOSPHERE IN A SURFACE  
MOUNT DEVICE PLACEMENT  
MACHINE

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE)**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply constitutes A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE). This Amendment and Reply is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2003, and is being submitted on or before the current due date of May 31, 2003. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this RCE.

Prior to the continued examination of the above-identified application under C.F.R.

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